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### RADM Ken Slaght selected for SPAWAR Command

The Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern E. Clark announced that Rear Adm. Kenneth D. Slaght, USN, will be assigned as commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. The admiral is currently serving as vice commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif.

Rear Adm. John Gauss, SPAWAR's Commander, has announced his intention to retire this summer. "Rear Admiral Slaght is the perfect choice as the next SPAWAR Commander. Ken and I have worked closely together for years and he truly understands our customers needs and the C4ISR integration needed to meet their requirements now and in the future. Admiral Slaght brings years of diversified experience to the helm and is the right person to lead this organization to the next level. I couldn't be happier with his selection," Admiral Gauss said.

In his tour of duty at SPAWAR, Rear Adm. Slaght has served as Program Manager for the former Joint Maritime Communications Systems Program Office, Deputy Director for the Information Transfer Systems Directorate, Chief Engineer, Director of Systems Installations and Logistics, and Vice Commander. Slaght has commanded the ammunition ship USS Flint (AE-32) served as Executive Officer aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Gridley (CG-21), Engineer Officer aboard the amphibious ship USS Tulare (LKA-112), Operations Officer aboard the frigate USS Edward McDonnell (FF-1043), and Combat Information Center Officer aboard the frigate USS Garcia (FF-1040). He is a 1970 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

SPAWAR has scheduled a change of command ceremony in the last two weeks of May at the command's Old Town San Diego facility.

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